



Oundle Golf Club

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Welcome




“Welcome to Oundle Golf Club

We are a friendly Club owned by its members and we hope you enjoy your experience here, whether as a member, golf visitor, Society, having lunch with us or hiring our venue. If you are golfing we hope you enjoy our challenging course. It is set in 99 acres of beautiful undulating parkland, with a running brook and red kites circling above which we are told by our golfers enhances their golfing experience. We have one of the most picturesque courses in Northamptonshire.

Our Clubhouse with first floor restaurant, bar and seated balcony offers a full range of refreshments, beers, wines and spirits alongside a wide ranging bar menu. We can boast of having the most stunning views in Oundle from our balcony, Oundle market town to the left and the fairways to the right. These views have provided a perfect backdrop for many events and parties.

We are very pleased that we consistently receive high feedback on our course, reception and catering and recently have been awarded the accolade of being in the Top 50 fun places to play from Today's Golfer magazine. We hope you like our Club!”

Chairman
Oundle Golf Club



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The History of Oundle Golf Club



The Club started as a 9 hole course and was founded in 1893 by members of the local gentry on land which was known locally as Bailey Hills beside the site today. During the First World War, the course was closed and reverted back to agricultural use.

When the war ended, the club was revived by surviving pre war members. Throughout the Second World War, the course amazingly remained open and was maintained voluntarily. From 1945 the membership of 12 rapidly increased and throughout the 50's the club grew again alongside the popularity of the game countywide.

Due to this popularity in the game and the growing membership the Club in 1967 purchased new land and the freehold of existing land. This enabled the course to develop from a 9 hole to a 13 then finally 18.

“ Club facilities include a modern clubhouse and restaurant, which support the challenging course and practice facilities ”

The History of Oundle Golf Club *(continued)*



The Club competitions and matches increased alongside Oundle's reputation for being not only an excellent course but producing golfers at a high level. This is no different today for example the Ladies Section have for 2 years in succession won the Cecil Leitch Cup, a County competition.

The Club is very proud of its history and how it has developed into one of Northamptonshire's most picturesque golfing venues and continues to develop with a refurbished Clubhouse and plans to develop additional practice facilities.

About The Course



The layout is a Championship 18 hole course of 6265 yards, suitable for golfers of all abilities. Many of the holes call for careful placement from the tee, and a gentle brook running through the heart of the course places a further emphasis on accurate shot making.

The Club hosts various area and county championship events as well as a full Club competition diary and has received many accolades for the preparation and presentation of the course. Whether you are playing a full 18 or quick 9 holes the course will provide you with a high level of interest and variety of play.

Course Tour



HOLE 1

The 1st hole at Oundle is a demanding par 5. Accuracy from the tee is of most importance as any tee shot right will be blocked out by the trees. Longer hitters may be able to reach in two however, as the second shot is blind and the target small laying up is much the safer option.

HOLE 2

The 2nd hole is unusual in that the medal white tee distance is 15 yards shorter than that from the yellow tee, but don't be fooled. The drive from the elevated white tee is across Lyveden Brook and the tall trees that border it. From both white and yellow tees the key is to keep the ball between the marker post and the trees that line the left side of the fairway. This opens up the green and will leave a shot into the pin with a short iron. Anything right from the tees spells trouble.

HOLE 3

The first of three very different par 3's on the course. At 130 yards it is the shortest but is quite often played into the prevailing south westerly wind. The front right of the green is guarded by a large oak tree while anything pulled slightly left will find one of two bunkers. Take a little time to look behind the tee and to the right as you may see an owl in the hollowed out tree trunk keeping an educated eye on the golf.

HOLE 4

The longest hole on the course – the 4th hole measures 569 yards from the medal tee. The drive is downhill towards the farm access road with a good line being slightly right of the Oundle church spire. The second shot should be directed over the marker post to avoid fairway bunkers on the left, 150 yards from the green, and on the right, 130 yards from the green. An iron to the green will need to be accurate as the green slopes right to left and is guarded by front bunkers.

HOLE 5

The 5th hole is a sharp dog-leg left and one of the toughest holes on the course. The best line from the tee is just left of the marker post. For the easiest shot into the green, aim as far left as possible towards the corner of the dog leg. Beware the bunkers guarding the front of the green the flag is often tucked behind one of them. For this reason, aim for the middle of the green.

HOLE 6

The 6th hole is a challenging par 4 at 473 yards. The drive needs to be straight and long to give a realistic chance of reaching the green in two shots. Out of bounds features on both sides of the hole off the tee. In the summer it plays down the prevailing wind but when this changes the hole will show why it is rated the most difficult hole on the course.



HOLE 7

The 7th hole turns back into the prevailing wind so the drive needs to be long and accurate to miss the bunker on the right-hand side of the fairway. Don't be deceived by the length of the second shot as Members will tell you it's further than it looks. The bunkers either side of the green entrance often swallow up the ball.

HOLE 8

The 8th hole is a short par 4 downhill, slight dogleg right. The tee shot is of most importance with trees and bunkers lining the left of the fairway and a pond to the right. The green is very difficult to read and well protected by three bunkers. This hole does provide a good birdie chance as long as you put yourself in the correct position off the tee.

HOLE 9

The 9th hole is the second par three on the course and is very deceptive. The hole plays much shorter than it looks as it is usually played with the prevailing wind. Even if you find the putting surface a par is by no means guaranteed. The shared green is one of the most difficult on the course and meaning that birdies are few and far between.



HOLE 10

The 10th hole may seem short but is a potential card wrecker. The tee shot has to be long enough to carry the Lyveden Brook that is hidden from view. Your drive should be targeted at the marker post but favouring the left side as trees to the left and right spell trouble. Once the drive is negotiated the second shot has to be accurate to avoid running through the green into grass or sand bunkers at the back. Even worse you may find your ball in the Brook behind these bunkers.

HOLE 11

The shot into the 11th green is very difficult to judge on this hole. Make sure you carry the bank at the front of the green but anything long spells trouble as the ditch and out of bounds await.

HOLE 12

The 12th hole is a short but testing par 4 which favours a slight draw off the tee to give the shortest shot into the green. Take an extra club when playing into the green in order to miss the two deep bunkers that guard the front as these can be very punishing.



Course Tour *(continued)*



HOLE 13

The 13th hole is the last of the par 3's and probably one of the toughest holes on the course. Pin-point accuracy is needed to stay away from the trouble in the shape of out of bounds left and deep bunkers right.

HOLE 14

The 14th hole is a typical risk and reward hole. With a good drive the green is reachable for the longer hitters but beware of Lyveden Brook running down the right of the hole. A safe option is to play shorter from the tee leaving a full shot to the small green which has often been compared to an upturned saucer.

HOLE 15

The 15th hole can be very deceptive as the tee tends to point you towards the trees lining the right hand-side of the fairway and the shot into the green requires an extra club as it plays longer up the hill than the yardage suggests.

Course Tour *(continued)*



HOLE 16

The 16th hole is an intimidating par five rated the second hardest on the course. Many players will not need a driver from the tee as a shorter shot to the road still leaves you able to get up to the second level. For your second shot aim over the marker post or slightly left if you are brave enough to take on the bushes. The approach shot is all important and very difficult to judge with such a large undulating green which is shared with the 9th hole.

HOLE 17

The 17th hole is rated the easiest hole on the course and is easily reached from the tee for the longer hitters. You need to be aware of the two bunkers guarding the front of the green which is one of the most difficult on the course. Keep left and low of the hole with your tee shot and it becomes a good birdie chance.

HOLE 18

The setting of the 18th green is perhaps what most visitors remember of Oundle golf course. The drive should be lined up on the clubhouse clock taking care to avoid the large beech tree that over-hangs the driving line a few yards in front of the tee. The green is set in the workings of a 150-year-old quarry and slopes away from you requiring care when picking the line of your putt.



Membership



We recognise that golfers have different membership needs so we have a variety of options available. We believe we offer great value for money as we always try to match a suitable membership solution to the individual dependent on amount of play and budget. As a Club owned by its members our focus is always on offering a highly competitive membership rate whilst not compromising on quality and service.

We can offer a member:-

- A competitive membership subscription - one of the lowest rates for a members club in the area
- Range of membership rates dependent on age, amount of play etc
- A full calendar of golf competitions for Men, Ladies, Mixed and Senior golfers
- Unlimited golf and no time restrictions. Daily dedicated member only times.
- Excellent facilities including a recently refurbished Clubhouse and separate changing rooms.
- Reduced buggy hire and facility to store own buggies in secure unit.
- Online booking for tee times & competitions
- “Member get Member” incentive scheme providing a financial payout to the member for business introduced to the Club as a “thank you”
- A CONGU handicap which is the only official handicapping system recognised by golf clubs not only in the UK but also worldwide
- A discounted green fee scheme for friends and family

Membership *(continued)*

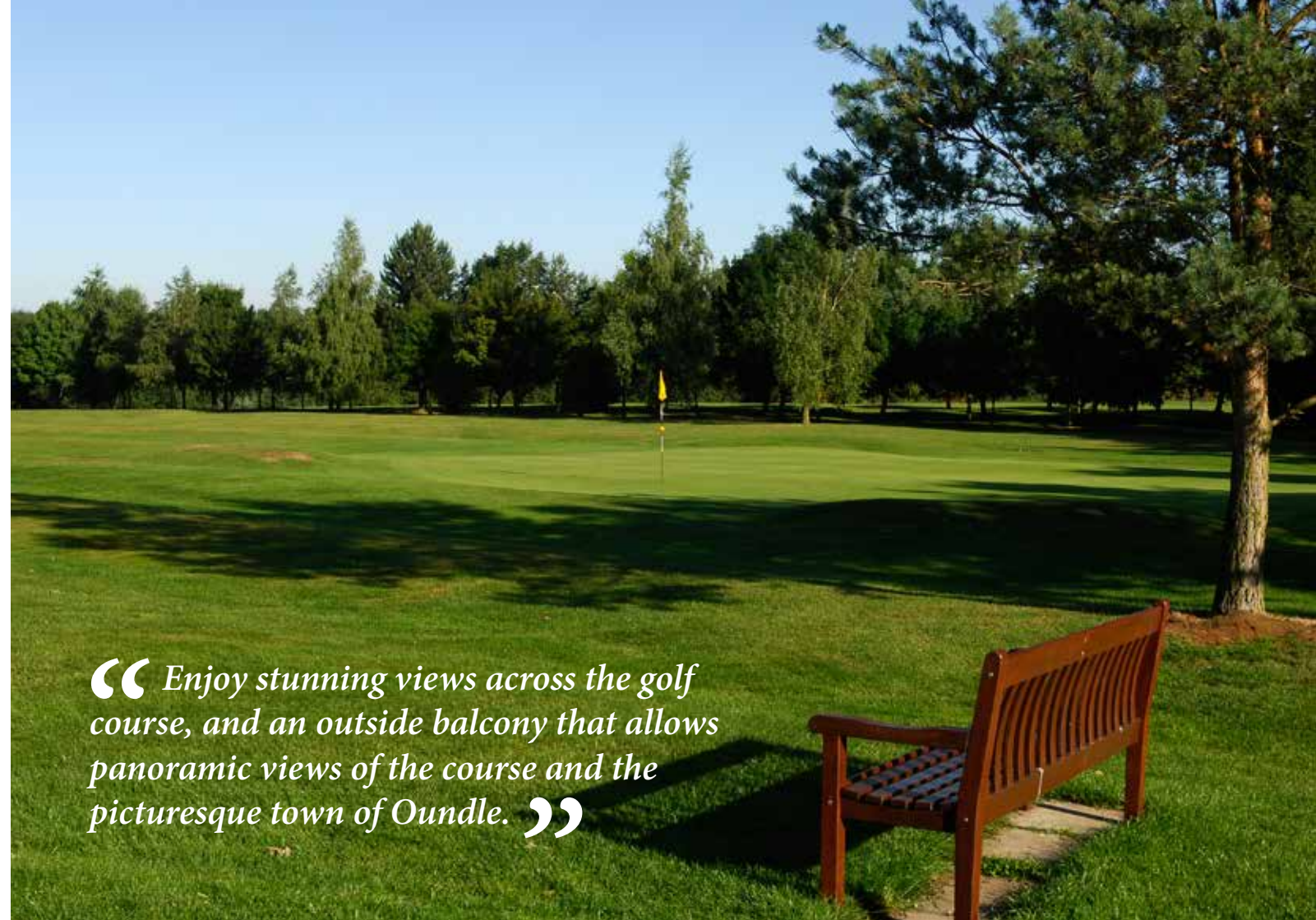


- Members discount on all bar and catering purchases via a club loyalty card and discounted event hire
- Free session in the PGA Golf Professional Winter clinic and to new members free 1:1 session with the PGA Professional.
- County Card Benefit – providing discounted green fees at over 1200 clubs across 30 counties in England.
- SmartGolfer Network – Offering free reciprocal golf and other special offers.
- 1893 Club membership – Reciprocal Golf at Clubs founded in 1893 – organised by Wellingborough Golf Club.
- Be part of a club which offers a great range of social activities.
- Buddy system for those who are looking to play with others or who are new to the Club
- Variety of methods of payment bank transfer, cash, credit card or through finance company.

And most importantly being part of a fully inclusive Club where you have a say in its direction.



“ Enjoy stunning views across the golf course, and an outside balcony that allows panoramic views of the course and the picturesque town of Oundle. ”



Visitors Societies and Corporate Days



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and Societies. Our online booking system makes booking tee times easy alongside buggy and trolley hire.

At times we may have late availability and promotional deals which are advertised on our booking scheme or by following us on social media. Our course is available to visitors both weekdays and at weekends.

For Societies with over 12 players we offer highly competitive golf days based on individual requirements whether it is green fee only or combined with catering. We offer competition prizes, Pro challenges and buggy hire. Our golf days are available both weekdays and weekends. As part of the package we include a 2 ball courtesy round.

Open Events & Competitions



We hold a series of Open events as well as hosting prestigious County competitions.

Throughout the year we run competitions involving all sections including mixed opens and competitions. The Seniors Autumn Charity Opens are highly successful raising funds for worthwhile local charities. Previous Ladies Opens involve pre event lifestyle stalls from exhibiting companies adding to the enjoyment of the day.

All opens are detailed on the website and on Golf Empire and booking is easy and can be completed online.

Coaching



“My name is Sam Beckett, I am the PGA Professional based at Oundle Golf Club. I became fully qualified as a PGA Professional in 2018 after completing the PGA Foundation Degree at Birmingham University. I aim to offer the best service and advice possible and to all”.

Adult Lessons

Lessons are available to suit golfers of all abilities from beginners to established players individually or in groups. Taster sessions are available to those who are new to the game and want to try it out first. Online booking is easy through Sam’s website or by contacting the Club.

Youth Lessons

Lessons are available either on a 1:1 basis or as part of our Youth Development Programme, supported by England Golf. The Club runs weekly junior group coaching for all ages throughout the year (weather permitting) and runs taster programmes in holiday periods. The Club benefits from strong links with the local schools and Golf is now included as part of their sports options.

www.sambeckett.foremostgolf.com

The Pro Shop and Reception



The Pro shop stocks a wide range of golfing equipment and clothing. In addition to the displayed stock the Golf Professional, Sam Beckett, also has an online shop www.sambeckett.foremostgolf.com which allows easy ordering and collection at golf reception.

Club fitting is also available from here and booking an appointment is easy through the Golf Professional's website or by calling the Club.

Golf Reception is the hub for golfing visitors and members for checking in and booking. Buggy and trolley hire can be organised alongside the purchase of golf consumables, snacks and drinks.

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Club Sponsorship



We offer businesses the opportunity to reach more than 5000 people a year targeting not only club members and their family but visitors, organisations and local public. Our sponsorship opportunities are limited which has the added advantage that the company advertisement stands out and the message is not distracted by any competitor activity.

We combine a variety of advertising methods which aims to ensure that the message is promoted as efficiently as possible. We offer the following:

- Course signage – own tee sign and entry on the final board
- Promotion in Clubhouse through screen advertising, brochure and business card holder
- Newsletter to members twice a year promoting Sponsors' offers
- Social media promotion and advertisement on website
- Yearly opportunity to promote your services at an open competitions or other Club events
- 2 x 4 ball vouchers each year and discount off venue hire and golf packages

The Venue



Our Clubhouse was fully refurbished in 2019 and is used by members, visitors (whether golfing or not), private parties, business meetings and conferences as well as for weekly community events.

Our event hire package which can include tailor-made menus, entertainment, PA system etc is available both weekdays and weekends and can be costed to individual requirements and budget. Our location on the outskirts of Oundle, with its own large private car park allows easy access and a high level of privacy advantageous for event hire.

The Venue *(continued)*



Ground Floor

2 separate modernised changing rooms

The Lyveden meeting room (13sqm)

Ideal as a break out room for larger events, smaller meetings or office use. Ideal for off-site confidential meetings.

First Floor accessed by lift or stairs

Bar and Seated Balcony (145sqm)

This room features our fully stocked licensed bar and adjacent large kitchen. There is a large TV, soft seating, tables and chairs and a Karndean floor ideal for exercise classes or dancing. A door leading to the external seated balcony provides a stunning relaxation area with a wonderful backdrop!

The Cotton Room (69sqm)

Accessed via french doors from the bar this room can be hired separately or combined forming a venue which can hold up to 120 people. This room is used regularly for parties as well as weekly community and business events. Room layout can be adapted to suit the event purpose.



How To Find Us



We are conveniently located just off the A605 between the A1 and A14

From North to South

At A1 Peterborough Junction 17, take the A605 towards Thrapston. After 8 miles turn towards Oundle town centre on the A427. The golf course is approximately 1 mile on the left past the town centre, towards Benefield and Corby.

From East to West

Take the A14 towards Thrapston. Take the A605 towards Oundle/Peterborough. At Barnwell take the slip road to Oundle. After crossing the stone river bridge on the edge of Oundle, turn left following the signs to Benefield and Corby. The golf course is approximately 1 mile on the left.

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